

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Communication, which indicates that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § § 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2), Applicant submits amendments to the claims and the specification for the Examiner's consideration. In light of these amendments, it is believed that the instant application is in compliance with the sequence rules. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the application on this basis.

Claims 1-30, 32, 34-35, 37-38, and 40 are under consideration. Claims 2-5 and 8 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 1, 6-7, 9-16, 18-20, 27, 29, and 30 are amended herein to clarify the subject matter recited therein. Accordingly, instant claims 1, 6-7, 9-30, 32, 34-35, 37-38, and 40 are presently under consideration.

Support for amendment to the claims is found throughout the specification and in the original claims. More specifically, support for amendment to claim 1 is presented, for example, in original claims 2-5 and 8 and at page 5, line 29 through to page 6, line 2. Support for amendment to claims 11-12 is found, for example, in Figure 4, the Sequence Listing filed with the application, and at page 5, line 29 through to page 6, line 2. Support for amendment to claims 13-14 is found, for example, in original claims 2-5 and 8, and in Figure 4, the Sequence Listing filed with the application, and at page 5, line 29 through to page 6, line 2, and at page 7, line 26 through to page 8, line 2. Support for amendment to claims 6-7, 9-10, 15-16, 18-19, 27, and 29 is found, for example, at page 5, line 29 through to page 6, line 2. No issue of new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims.

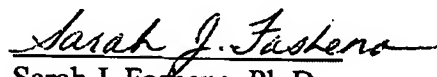
Fees

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Conclusion

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,


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